

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DAVID WATSON,

Defendant.

Case No. 24-CR-200-1-JPS

**ORDER**

On October 16, 2024, the Grand Jury returned a four-count indictment, charging Defendant with violating 18 U.S.C. §§ 510(a), 1028A(a)(1), 1344(1), 1343, 1349, and 2(a). ECF No. 1. On May 15, 2025, the parties filed a plea agreement, indicating that Defendant had agreed to plead guilty to Count One of the Indictment. ECF No. 24. On August 27, 2025, the parties jointly moved to withdraw the plea. ECF No. 38. On August 28, 2025, this Court granted that motion. ECF No. 39. On September 10, 2025, the parties filed an amended plea agreement, indicating that Defendant has agreed to plead guilty to Count Three of the Indictment. ECF No. 40.

On September 12, 2025, parties appeared before Magistrate Judge Stephen C. Dries to conduct a plea colloquy pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. ECF No. 41. Defendant entered a plea of guilty as to Count Three of the Indictment. *Id.* After cautioning and examining Defendant under oath concerning each of the subjects mentioned in Rule 11, Magistrate Judge Dries determined that the guilty plea was knowing and voluntary and that the offense charged was supported by an

independent factual basis containing each of the essential elements of the offense. *Id.*; ECF No. 42.

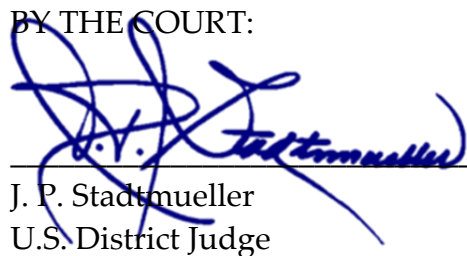
On September 12, 2025, Magistrate Judge Dries filed a Report and Recommendation with this Court, recommending that: (1) Defendant's plea of guilty be accepted; (2) a presentence investigation report be prepared; and (3) Defendant be adjudicated guilty and have a sentence imposed accordingly. ECF No. 42. Pursuant to General Local Rule 72(c), 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B), and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 59(b), the parties were advised that written objections to that recommendation, or any part thereof, could be filed within fourteen days of the date of service of the recommendation. *Id.* To date, no party has filed such an objection. The Court has considered Magistrate Judge Dries's recommendation and will adopt it.

Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** that Magistrate Judge Stephen C. Dries's Report and Recommendation, ECF No. 42, be and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 29th day of September, 2025.

BY THE COURT:



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J. P. Stadtmueller  
U.S. District Judge